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Greetings,

The Western Divide Ranger District is beginning the scoping process for the Tule River Reservation Protection Project with the publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement. Please review the enclosed project description which includes the background, existing condition, purpose and need, and proposed action.

I am asking you to provide any substantive comments you might have regarding this proposal. Substantive comments are those that are within the scope of the project and the decision to be made and are specific to the project activities and the project area, and have a direct relationship to the proposed actions. Please provide supporting reasons for me to consider.

If you have any information the Forest Service may not be aware of concerning this project, or you have concerns regarding the potential effects of the actions proposed, please send these in writing to Teresa Sue (interdisciplinary team leader) at the Western Divide Ranger District Office, 32588 Highway 190, Springville, CA 93265. Please include hardcopies or internet links of any referenced literature you cite.

The NOI will be published in the *Federal Register* on August 26, 2008. I am requesting that you have your comments on the project delivered by September 25, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Teresa Sue at 559-539-2607, extension 270. If you do not wish to comment, but would like to remain on the Tule River Reservation Protection Project mailing list, please notify us otherwise your name will be removed from the mailing list for this project.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800.1(4) the Western Divide Ranger District is using this National Environmental Policy Act public notification process to coordinate public notification, identification of interested persons, and public participation in the identification of historic properties, sacred sites and traditional cultural properties that could be potentially affected by this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tina J. Terrell
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Enclosures

